# IN THE INDIANA TAX COURT

NO.49T10-9309-TA-70

TOWN OF ST. JOHN. et al.,	`
Petitioners,	)
STATE BOARD OF TAX COMMISSIONERS,	) ) ) ) ) ) )
Respondents.	)

## STATE BOARD'S SIXTEENTH MONTHLY REPORT

This is the State Board of Tax Commissioners' sixteenth monthly report under the Court's order dated May 31,2000,729 N.E.2d 242,247. The report explains the Board's activities during September 2001 to implement the Court's order. The Board's activities during September were concentrated on finalizing the proposed personal property rules and communicating with the assessing community. An outline of these activities is included as EXHIDILA.

New Rule For Personal Property Assessment

The Board held a public hearing for the proposed new personal property rule on September 27, 2001. Twelve speakers made comments at the hearing. The Board will receive

written comment on the proposed rule through October 5, 2001 Studies regarding the fiscal impact of the proposed rule were also worked on during September .

### Continuing Education

The Board staff is preparing for continuing education classes available to assessing officials that will be held at 19 locations around the state in October and November. The classes are structured to present the differences between the 1995 Reassessment Manual and the 2002 Reassessment Manual.

#### County Survey

The Board's Assessment Division conducted a follow-up survey of county and township assessors to assist in monitoring the progress and status of the reassessment on a county-by-county basis. The survey is designed to learn about the status of local reassessment activities, including contracts with outside. vendors to provide technical assistance and the status of new computer systems incorporating the requirements of the 2002 Manual. This survey will be completed during October and provided to the Court next month.

# Computer Software

The Board completed its non-rule policy statement that will permit an expedited approval of reassessment software, prior to formal promulgation of revisions to the existing computer standards. This statement will be published in the October Indiana Register. A copy of the policy statement is attached to this report.

#### Statutory Issues

In the First Monthly Report, the State Board identified statutes with which it will be unable to comply under the timetable for promulgating a new assessment rule. During this

month the State Board has identified no additional provisions with which it will be unable to comply.

Respectfully submitted,

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